Electrification of Vijayawada Division

2847. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of the progress in electrification work in Vijayawada Division and the amount spent thereon so far, indicating also the total cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Electrification of Krishna Canal-Guntur-Tenali Section of the Vijayawada Division is in progress. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 8.59 crores.

Railway trains from Hyderabad to Jammu Tawi, Trivandrum, Rameswaram and Vijayawada to Jammu Tawi

2848. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce direct trains between Vijayawada—Jammu Tawi, Hyderabad—Jammu Tawi, Hyderabad—Trivandrum/Kanyakumari and Hyderabad—Rameswaram; and

(b) if so, by when these trains are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DTC fare structure

2849. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation issued a Statement regarding fare hike and informed commuters that Rs. 0.50 ticket is up to six kilometres in an ordinary bus;

(b) if so, the details of the fare hike;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation is issuing tickets on fare stage basis and not on kilometre basis; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below:—

Distance Kms.	Pre-revised fare (paise)	Revised fare (paise)
0-4	30	50
4-6	40	50
6-16	40	100
16-20	50	150
20+	75	150
Night/Deluxe Point to Point/ Limited Stop Services/ Railway Specials and P-Services.	100	200

(c) and (d) The pattern of fare structure adopted by DTC is telescopic in nature. The fares are fixed on route distances and the fare charged is calculated on the basis of distance between fare stages, taking into account distance between origin and destination of the route. The charging of fares with reference to fare stages is the practical and established method.

Medical aid to SC/STs in Andhra Pradesh

2850. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive scheme for free medical aid to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes implemented by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes people benefited thereby; and